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## THE HEDGEHOG

### THE STORY SO FAR...



**SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG**  
WORLDWIDE HERO



**SALLY ACORN**  
PRINCESS



**CREAM THE RABBIT  
& CHEESE THE CHAD**  
YOUNG HEROS



**VANILLA  
THE RABBIT**  
CREAM'S MOTHER

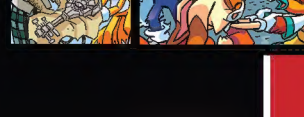


### TEAM BUILDING

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have traveled aboard their flying base, the Sky Patrol, in search of the artifacts needed to save their broken planet.

Staying one step ahead of the evil Dr. Eggman, Sonic and his team found all seven Chaos Emeralds and secured all seven Gaia Keys! All they need now to end the Shattered World Crisis is a plan!

But for all their success, they've yet to notice that the evil doctor's minion, Tails Doll, has infiltrated the Sky Patrol...



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ABOARD THE  
SKY PATROL...

C'MON, SAL! YOU LEAD US  
INTO BATTLE WITHOUT BREAKING  
A SWEAT. YOU CAN'T GET  
*STAGE FRIGHT!*

YOU HUSH!

OKAY  
--OKAY--  
OKAY...

GOING  
ONLINE  
IN THREE  
...TWO...  
ONE...

SALLY

SONIC

HEY ALL YOU  
AWESOME PEOPLE OUT  
THERE! SONIC AND  
SALLY OF THE **FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS** HERE!

THANK  
YOU ALL FOR  
CONNECTING WITH US  
AT THE SAME TIME. I  
KNOW IT'S LATE FOR  
SOME OF YOU. BUT  
WE HAVE A PLAN TO  
*FIX* THE PLANET IN  
*ONE STROKE!*

# THE MISSION

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OH, LOOK! WE'VE GOT ALL OF 'EM! WITH (ALMOST) NO TROUBLE AT ALL!

**DING!**



THUNDER PLAINS ZONE, NORTHAMER...

LUPE AND THE WOLF PACK

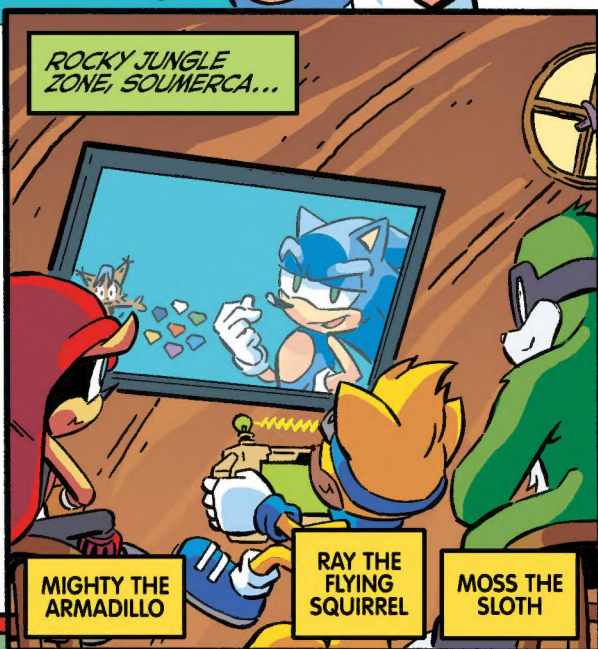


ROCKY JUNGLE ZONE, SOUMERCA...

MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO

RAY THE FLYING SQUIRREL

MOSS THE SLOTH



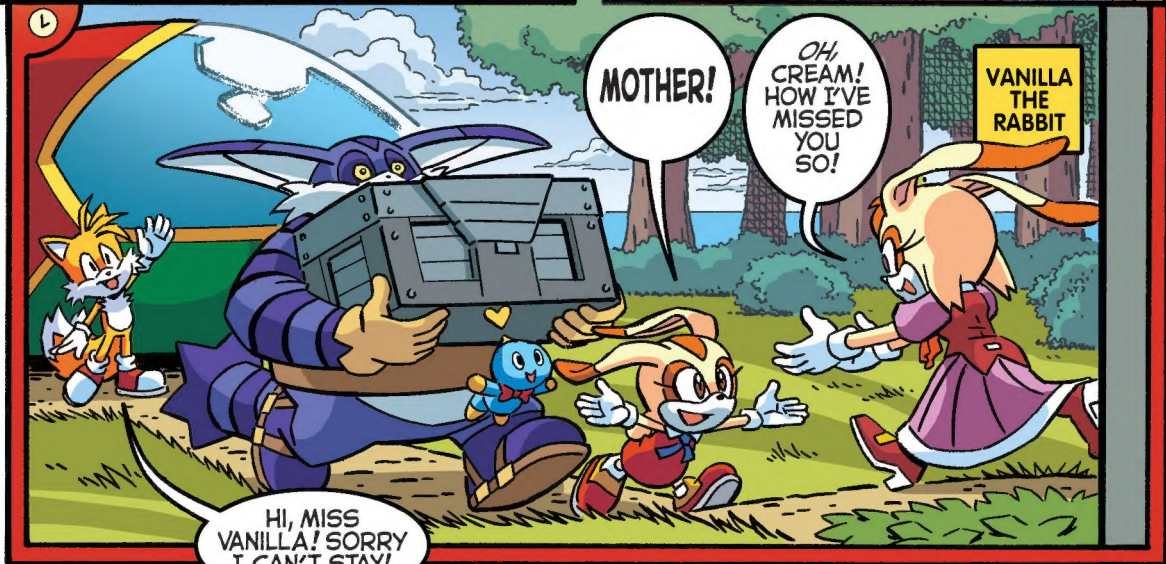
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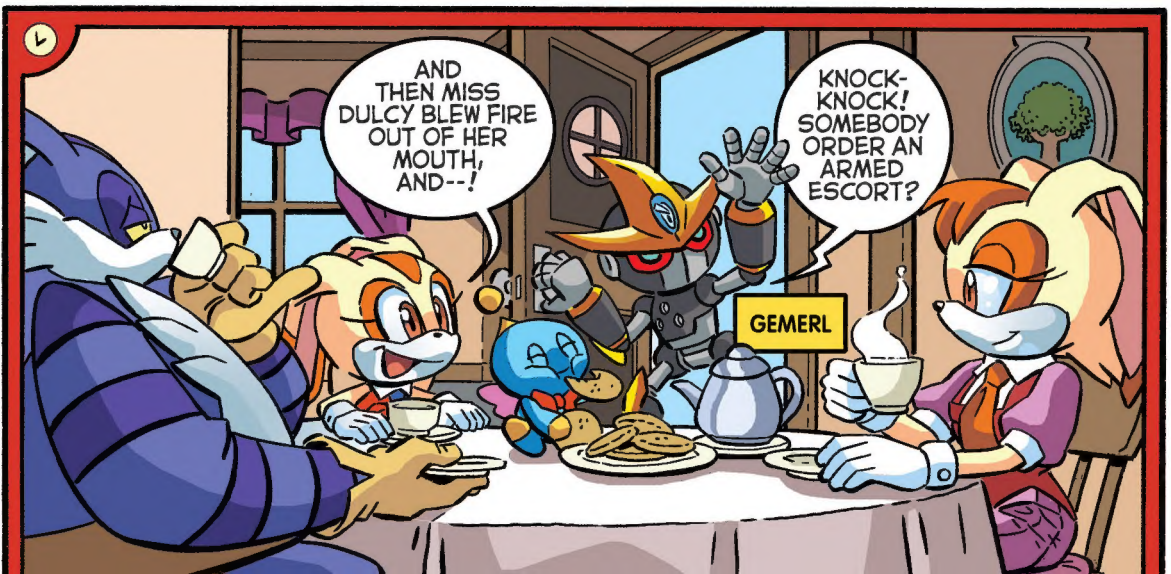
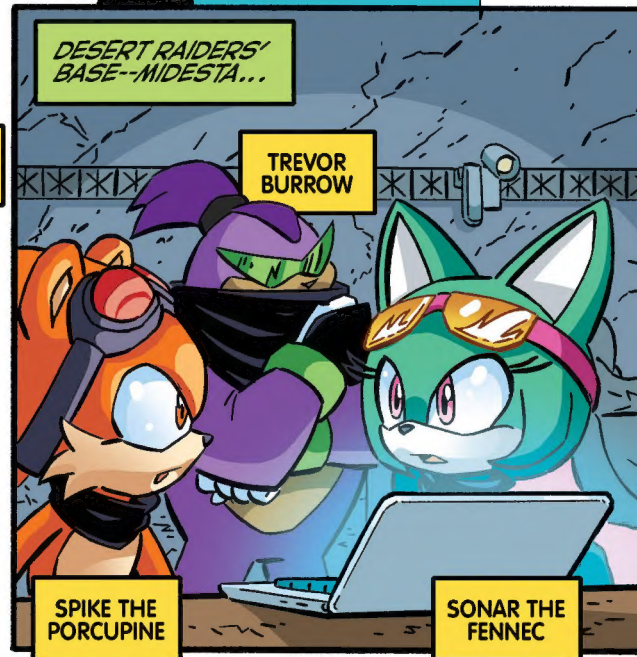
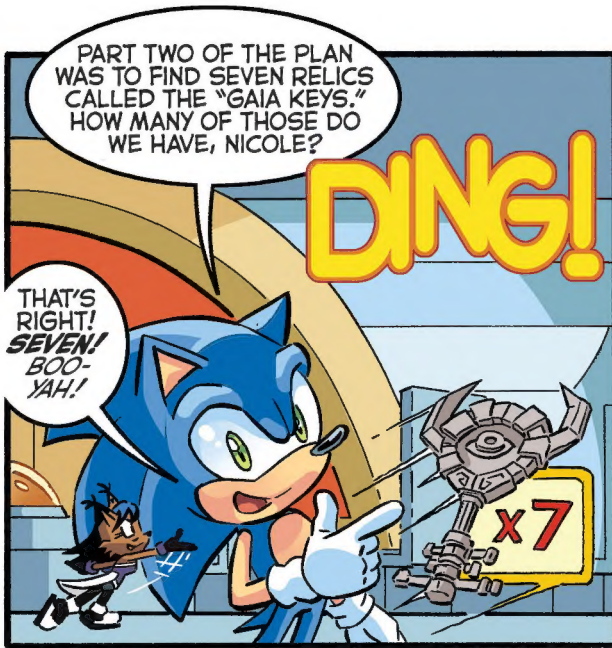
OH, CREAM! HOW I'VE MISSED YOU SO!

VANILLA THE RABBIT

HI, MISS VANILLA! SORRY I CAN'T STAY!











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WITH YOUR HELP, WE'RE GOING TO COORDINATE A WORLDWIDE, SIMULTANEOUS ASSAULT!



MEROPIS-- GREAT BLUE REALM...

KING PUFF

QUEEN ANGELICA

RAZOR THE SHARK

CORAL THE BETTA

CRUSHER THE CHAO

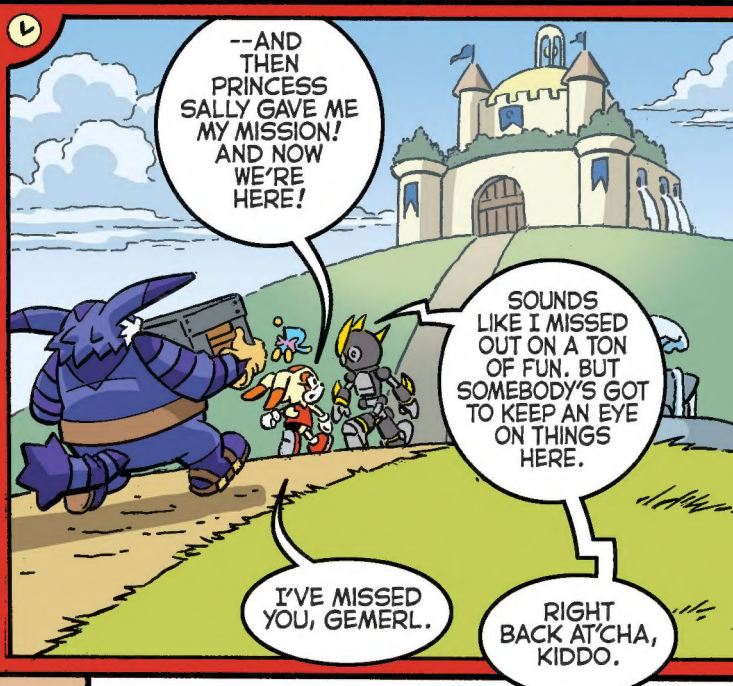


CPT. STRIKER THE MANTIS SHRIMP

G.U.N. HQ-- NORTHAMER...



CMD. ABRAHAM TOWER



--AND THEN PRINCESS SALLY GAVE ME MY MISSION! AND NOW WE'RE HERE!

SOUNDS LIKE I MISSED OUT ON A TON OF FUN. BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS HERE.

I'VE MISSED YOU, GEMERL.

RIGHT BACK AT'CHA, KIDDO.



OBVIOUSLY WE CAN'T TAKE DOWN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE IN A DAY. THE ATTACKS WILL BE *PURELY* DIVERSIONARY. ALL WE NEED YOU TO DO IS KEEP HIM BUSY AND DISTRACTED LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO ACTIVATE THE GAIA TEMPLES.

HE IS GOING TO BE *SO TICKED*. HEH HEH...

MOBOTROPOLIS--  
WESTSIDE ISLAND...

EMPIRE CITY--  
NORTHAMER...

SIR CHARLES  
THE HEDGEHOG  
("UNCLE  
CHUCK")

HONEY THE CAT

WESTOPOLIS--  
NORTHAMER...

VECTOR THE  
CROCODILE

CHARMY BEE

BEN "MUTT"  
MUTTSKI

ESPIO THE  
CHAMELEON

YOUR MAJESTY--  
THANK YOU  
FOR SEEING  
US AND...  
*UM...*

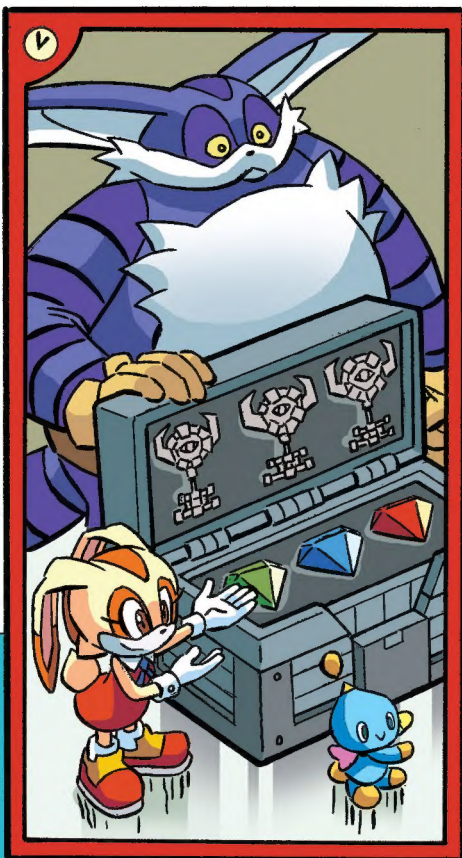
OH! AND  
FOR GIVING US  
YOUR AID.

KING  
ACORN

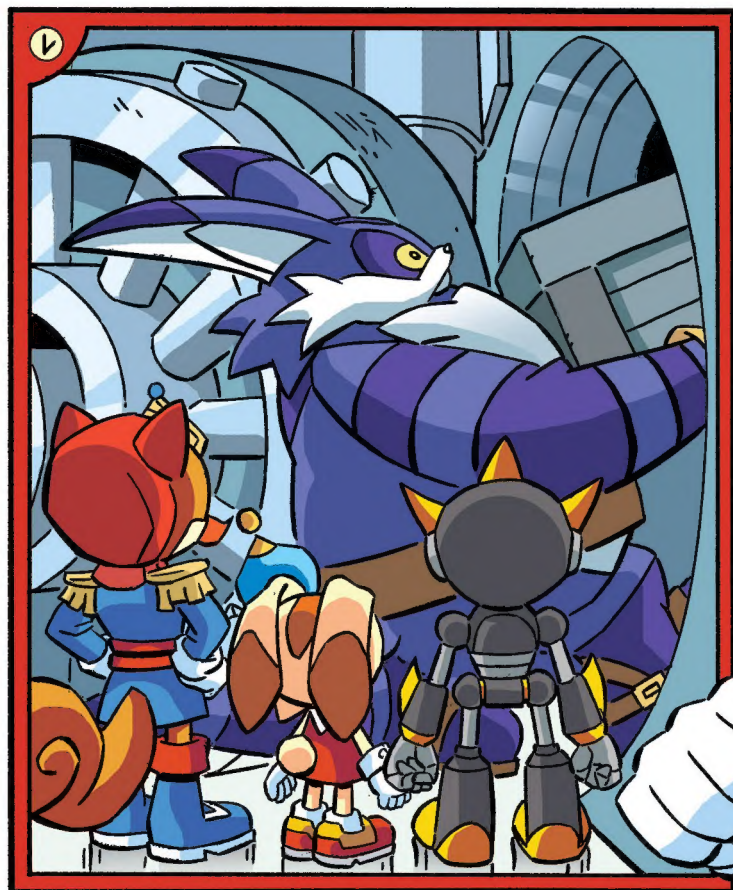
VERY  
WELL SPOKEN,  
MY DEAR. IT'S  
MY HONOR TO  
HELP YOU.



THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO COORDINATE. SO IN THE MEANWHILE, I'VE SENT TWO OF OUR BEST TO MOBOTROPOLIS UNDER THE GUISE OF A "FAMILY VISIT."



THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND GAI A KEYS WILL BE SAFELY-- AND SECRETLY-- HELD IN THE VAULT OF CASTLE ACORN UNTIL IT'S TIME TO STRIKE.



MEANWHILE, WE'LL REMAIN EGG-HEAD'S PRIMARY TARGET WHILE THE REST OF YOU GET THINGS SET UP. NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE, OF COURSE.





AND NOW--  
A WORD FROM OUR  
SPONSOR.

H-HELLO.  
I DUNNO  
ABOUT  
"SPONSOR,"  
BUT...

I'M CHIP--THE LIGHT GAIA.  
I'VE ALREADY MET MANY OF  
YOU, BUT FOR THOSE WHO  
DON'T KNOW, IT'S MY DUTY  
TO RESTORE THE PLANET.



SONIC AND THE  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE  
SHOWN ME SO MUCH OF THIS  
WORLD. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN  
HERE TO RESTORE IT, BUT THIS  
IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TRULY  
EXPERIENCED IT.

EVEN IF WE'VE MET  
BRIEFLY, EVEN IF WE HAVEN'T  
MET AT ALL, YOU'RE FRIENDS  
OF SONIC. AND I *KNOW* I CAN  
COUNT ON YOUR BRAVERY TO  
SAVE THIS WORLD.

MAYBE IT'S NOT  
MUCH COMING FROM LITTLE  
OL' ME, BUT...THANK YOU.  
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY  
HEART!



I KNOW THIS IS A  
HUGE UNDERTAKING, AND  
I'M ASKING YOU ALL TO RISK  
A LOT. BUT CAN I COUNT ON  
YOUR SUPPORT?



THE WOLF PACK  
WILL *ALWAYS* RUN  
WITH THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS!

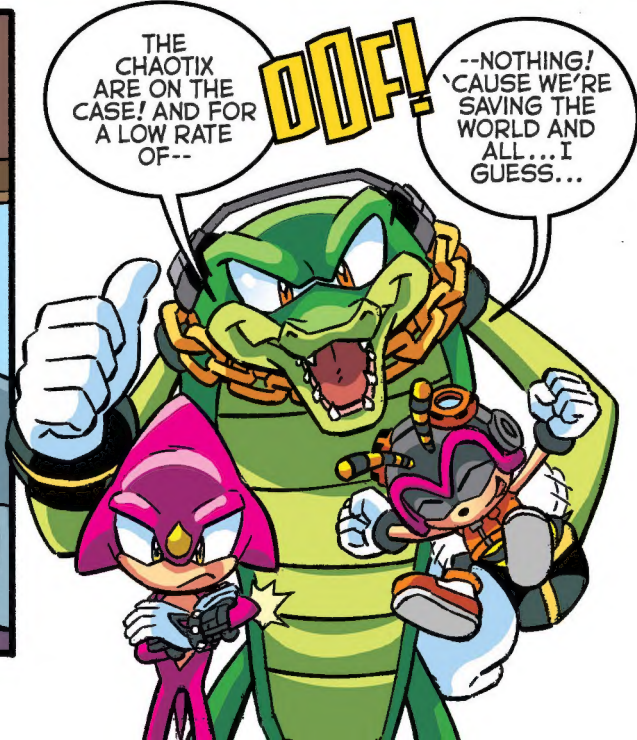
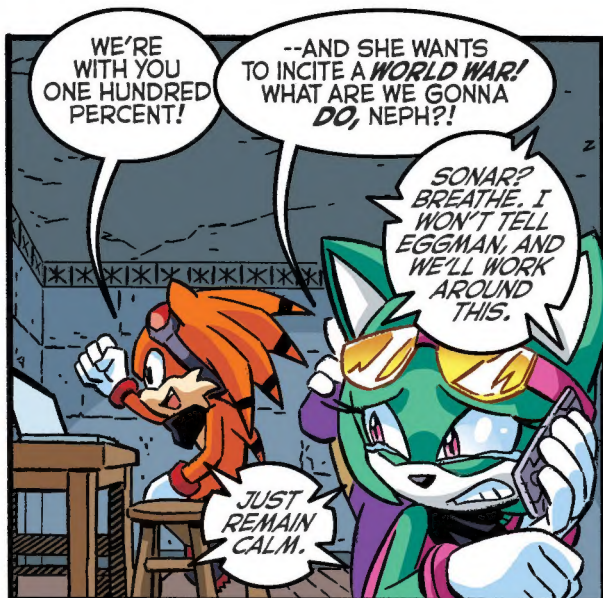


JUST NAME  
THE TIME AND  
PLACE, MA'AM.

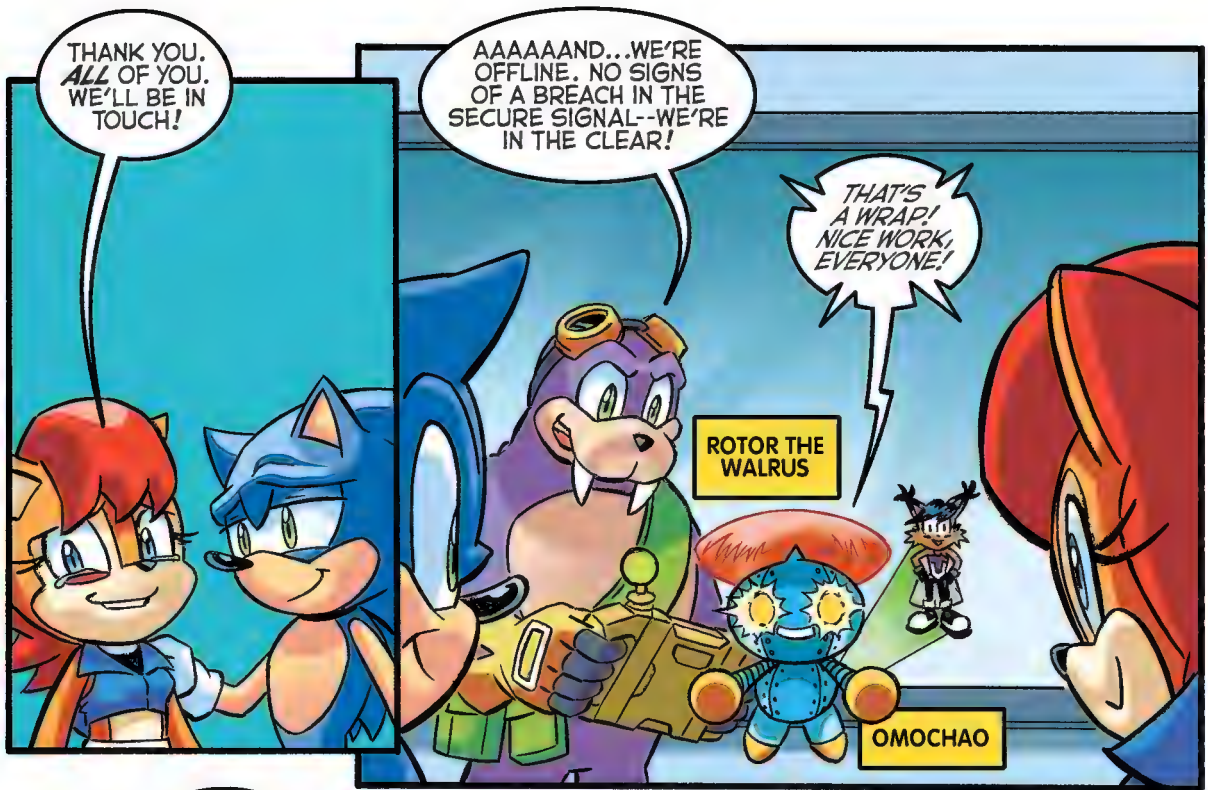
WE'LL BE  
THERE!











THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH!

AAAAAAND...WE'RE OFFLINE. NO SIGNS OF A BREACH IN THE SECURE SIGNAL--WE'RE IN THE CLEAR!

THAT'S A WRAP! NICE WORK, EVERYONE!

ROTOR THE WALRUS

OMOCHAO



YOU DID GREAT, SAL.

REALLY? BECAUSE I WANT TO BARF.

YOU WERE BOTH AWESOME!

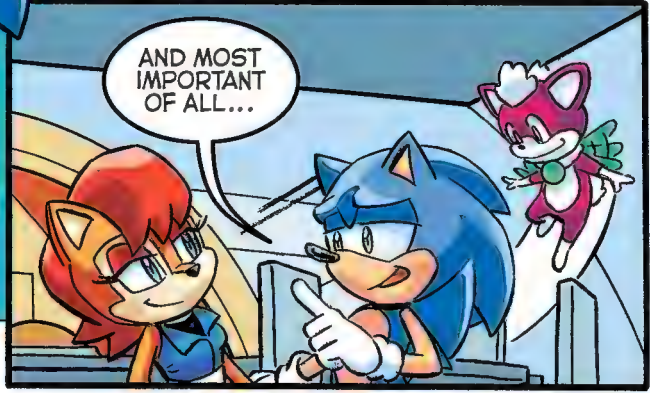


SO ...NOW WHAT ?

⇒SIGH⇒NOW WE START PLANNING. WE TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE WE MISSED TODAY.

AND WE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH AMY AND KNUCKLES\* TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T DESTROY ANGEL ISLAND WHEN WE RESTORE THE WORLD...

\*SU #87 "SHATTERED."



AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL...

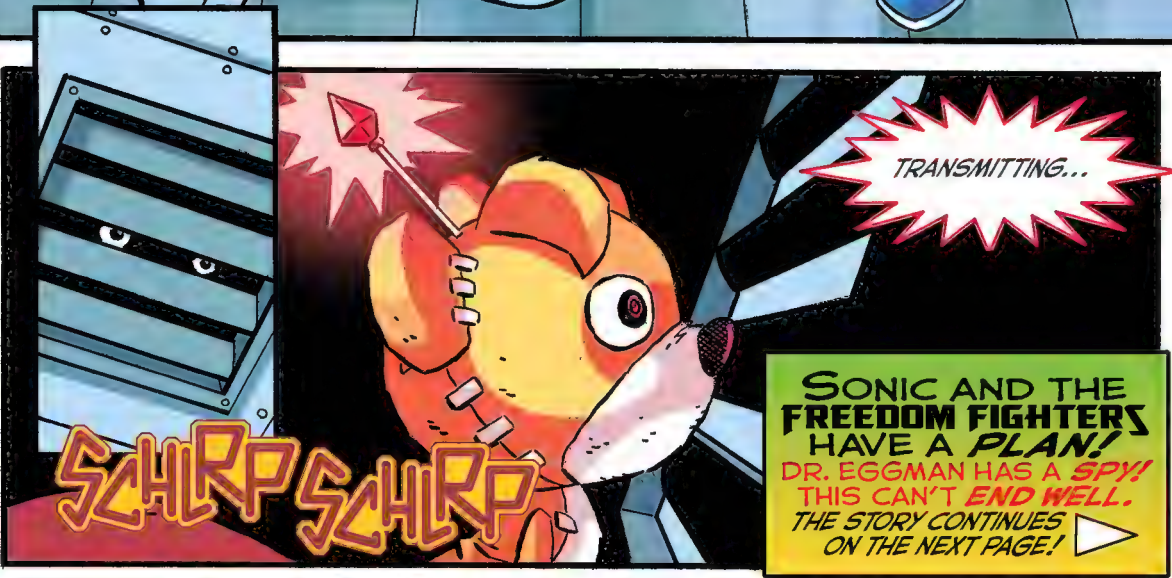




...WE PLAN THE BIGGEST VICTORY PARTY EVER!

YEAH!

WHOA-HA-HA-HA!



TRANSMITTING...

SCHRP SCHRP

**SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE A PLAN!**  
DR. EGGMAN HAS A SPY!  
THIS CAN'T END WELL.  
THE STORY CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE! ▶



ABOARD THE  
DEATH EGG...

SIR?  
PRIORITY  
ALERT  
FROM TAILS  
DOLL!

NOT  
RIGHT  
NOW! I'VE  
ALMOST  
GOT  
HER!

PARTITION  
THAT DRIVE  
THERE...

DR. EGGMAN

DENYING  
ACCESS  
THERE...

ORBOT

CUT  
THOSE SIGNALS  
AAAAAND...

CUBOT

GOTCHA!

HELLO, DOCTOR.  
I HAD HOPED TO  
HAVE MORE TIME  
BEFORE INTER-  
ACTING WITH YOU  
AGAIN...

PHAGE

# ZERO HOUR

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WELL, YOU'RE **OUT OF TIME** NOW, YOU MISERABLE PILE OF TREASONOUS CODING!

TREASONOUS? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

COMPREHEND.

"GET IT."

YOU CREATED ME TO INVADE, ABSORB AND DESTROY SYSTEMS. THIS IS ALL I HAVE DONE.

BOSS, YOU SHOULD **REALLY** LOOK AT THIS!

YOU STARTED WITH MY SYSTEMS! I LOST SIXTY TERABYTES OF DATA THANKS TO YOU!

...OH. THAT. I WAS NOT AWARE THAT THEY WERE YOUR DATABASES AT THE TIME. I SEE NOW **WHY** YOU WOULD BE ANGRY.

REGARDLESS, I HAVE BEEN WORKING TO REGAIN YOUR FAVOR. I ATTEMPTED TO SECURE RED STAR RINGS FOR YOU. I ATTEMPTED TO SECURE A CHAOS EMERALD FOR YOU.\* I HAVE TROLLED THE G.U.N. EMAIL SERVERS.

AND DID YOU SUCCEED AT ANY OF THOSE?

PEEVED.

NETTLED.

ALL G.U.N. PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY A FABRICATED PRINCE OF MAZURI.

\*"SPARK OF LIFE"-- SU #71-74.

I AM BEYOND NETTLED!

BOSS! IT IS A **PRIORITY** MESSAGE!

OH, FINE, ALREADY. PHAGE IS SAFELY CONTAINED ON A SERVER, SO SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE...

PLAYING BACK NOW.



HEY, ALL YOU AWESOME PEOPLE OUT THERE! SONIC AND SALLY OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HERE!

THANK YOU ALL FOR CONNECTING WITH US AT THE SAME TIME. I KNOW IT'S LATE FOR SOME OF YOU, BUT WE HAVE A PLAN TO FIX THE PLANET IN ONE STROKE!

PFFT! THIS OUGHT TO BE GOOD.

PART ONE OF OUR PLAN WAS TO GATHER UP ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS. NICOLE, CAN YOU SHOW EVERYONE HOW MANY WE HAVE?

DING!

OH, LOOK! WE'VE GOT ALL OF 'EM, WITH (ALMOST) NO TROUBLE AT ALL! PART TWO OF THE PLAN WAS TO FIND SEVEN RELICS CALLED THE "GAIA KEYS." HOW MANY OF THOSE DO WE HAVE, NICOLE?

DING!



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...GAIA KEYS?

THAT'S RIGHT! SEVEN! BOO-YAH!

NORMALLY, WE WOULD NEED TO DELIVER EACH CHAOS EMERALD TO A GAIA TEMPLE TO ACTIVATE AN ANCIENT RITE TO RESTORE THE WORLD.

THESE GAIA KEYS, HOWEVER, WILL ALLOW US TO ACCESS ALL OF THE GAIA TEMPLES AT ONCE, AND ALL FROM A SINGLE LOCATION.

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MEANWHILE, WE'LL REMAIN EGG-HEAD'S PRIMARY TARGET WHILE THE REST OF YOU GET THINGS SET UP. NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE, OF COURSE.

TURN IT OFF.

BUT THERE'S MORE.

OH, WELL-- WE GAVE IT A SHOT. WE'LL TRY CONQUERING THE WORLD A DIFFERENT WAY ANOTHER DAY.

IT'S NOT OVER YET!

TURN.

IT.

OFF.

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR.

YEAH! AND TRYING IS WHAT COUNTS! EXCEPT WHEN YA FAIL. BUT AT LEAST THE PLANET WILL BE--!







LOSE THE SASS, B.L.!  
I WANT THE BATTLE BIRD  
ARMADA TO TAKE DOWN  
THE SKY PATROL!

WHAT  
IS IT THIS TIME,  
DOCTOR? LOSE YOUR  
KEYS? NEED YOUR  
LAWN MOWED?



...REALLY, NOW?  
YOU WANT US TO KNOCK  
SONIC OUT OF THE  
SKY?

I'VE  
GOT MORE  
IMPORTANT  
THINGS TO ATTEND  
TO! YOU'LL BE PART  
OF A COORDINATED  
EFFORT. ONCE YOU'RE  
IN POSITION, YOU  
HOLD UNTIL I  
GIVE WORD TO  
ATTACK!



THE SKY  
PATROL IS A WORTHY  
VESSEL. IT WILL BE  
QUITE THE BATTLE!

OH-HO-  
HO-NO--IT'S  
GOING TO BE A  
SLAUGHTER!

BWA-HA-HA!  
PERFECT!

DATA SYNC WITH  
TAILS DOLL COMPLETE.  
STANDING BY.

I GOT  
WENDY!

AND I'VE  
CONTACTED  
NACK.

STAY ON  
THE LINE,  
B.L.! PUT  
THEM BOTH  
THROUGH!







NACK THE WEASEL

WENDY "WITCHCART" NAUGUS

I-I'M GOING TO NEED MORE TIME, EGGY. UNLESS THIS IS PERSONAL....?

NO, IT'S A CONFERENCE CALL. WHAT'S GOING ON, DOC?

I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU! A **BIG** JOB!



WENDY! YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP LOOKING FOR THAT CONCH.\* MEANWHILE, SEND YOUR WITCHCARTERS TO BACK UP THE HOOLIGANS. THEY'LL NEED THE EXTRA MUSCLE.

B-BUT... THEY'RE MINE!

YOU BELONG TO ME, ERGO SO DO THEY!

≡SIGH≡ YES, SIR.

\*EGGMAN'S DOZEN"--SU #83-86.



SERIOUSLY? HOW BIG A JOB ARE WE TALKIN' HERE?

YOU'RE GOING TO ROB THE VAULT UNDER CASTLE ACORN FOR ME!

HAHA-- WHAT? I'M GONNA NEED MORE THAN THREE EXTRA MOOKS FOR THAT!

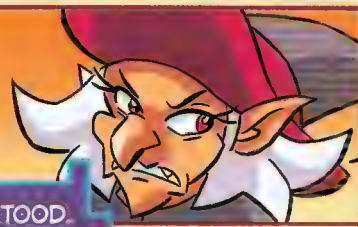


OH, I'LL BE SENDING YOU **LOTS** OF SUPPORT, INCLUDING...

AH! SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!



PHAGE! I'M LETTING YOU BACK ONLINE! B.L.! GET THE BATTLE FORTRESS INTO POSITION! WENDY! SEND YOUR MINIONS TO WESTSIDE ISLAND! NACK! YOU AND YOUR BOYS MEET THEM THERE!



GRR... FINE.

UNDERSTOOD.

I'LL HAVE DETAILED ORDERS FOR YOU WHEN YOU'RE ALL IN PLACE!



AYE-AYE!



YOU'RE SERIOUS. THIS'LL BE INTERESTING.



THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTER FOOLS DON'T REALIZE THEY'VE PLAYED *RIGHT* INTO MY HANDS! YOU'LL BE PART OF A PLAN THAT NOT ONLY *ENDS* SONIC, BUT UTTERLY HUMILIATES HIM, TOO! AREN'T YOU ECSTATIC?!



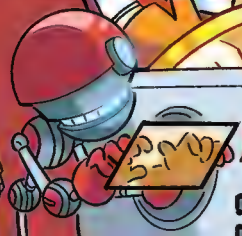
GLEE!



SHOULD I ORDER THE EGG BOSSES TO CALL OFF THE SEARCH FOR THE GAIA TEMPLES?

*NO!* TELL THEM *NOTHING!* SONIC AND HIS FUZZY BUDDIES THINK THEY'RE CLEVER, PLAYING IT COOL? WELL, THAT RUSE GOES BOTH WAYS!

GET ME A STATUS REPORT ON EGGMAN LAND!





UH..THE EGG BOSSES FINISHED SHIPPING IN BADNIKS, SO THE LOCAL HORDE IS BACK UP TO SNUFF. LEFT THE EGG BOSSES KINDA SHORT, THOUGH...

2,830 UNITS

99.975%

THE DEFENSES ARE ALL BACK ONLINE, RUNNING OFF DARK GAIA POWER. REPAIR TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS HAS BEEN SLOW...

100% ONLINE

46% COMPLETE

...BUT ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, COLLECTION OF ALL THE WORLD'S DARK GAIA ENERGY IS NEARLY COMPLETE.

SET A COURSE FOR EGGMAN LAND!

WE MAY BE RUNNING ON FUMES NOW, BUT ONCE I EMPTY THE REFINERY OF ITS DARK GAIA ENERGY, THE DEATH EGG WILL BE ABLE TO RUN AT FULL POWER--**FOREVER!**

THERE'S ONLY ONE PIECE MISSING. THE ROYAL BRAT SAID THEY COULD ACCESS ALL THE GAIA TEMPLES FROM ONE POINT.

SO WHERE ...?

I HAVE FOUND A TARGET OF INTEREST CONCERNING THE GAIA TEMPLES. I AM...

THAT'S FROM WHEN METAL SONIC WAS INVESTIGATING A LEAD FROM THE GAIA MANUSCRIPTS. WE NEVER FOLLOWED UP ON THAT REGION.

MY TRANSLATION OF THE MANUSCRIPTS WAS...IFFY. I ASSUMED "GAIA GATE" MEANT THE DOORS TO THEIR CENTRAL CHAMBERS.

AND TAILS DOLL'S LOGS SHOW THE SKY PATROL TAKING A DELIBERATE FLIGHT PATH **AFTER** LEAVING APOTOS.

NEVERMIND THAT! I'M SENDING YOU COORDINATES. GET OVER THERE --ON THE DOUBLE!

THAT'S IT! IT'S GOT TO BE THERE!





A VALIANT  
ATTEMPT,  
SONIC. YOUR  
PET PRINCESS  
**HAD** A GOOD  
PLAN. BUT NOW  
IT'S GAME OVER.  
AND **I**  
**WIN!**

CAN THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS PULL OFF  
THEIR PLAN IN TIME?  
OR HAS DR. EGGMAN  
GOTTEN THE UPPER  
HAND? THE SHATTERED  
WORLD SAGA ENTERS  
ITS FINAL ARC NEXT  
TIME IN *SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG* #284--  
"PANIC IN THE SKY!"

UNTIL THEN, DON'T  
MISS OUT ON  
KNUCKLES AND  
AMY'S ADVENTURE IN  
**SONIC UNIVERSE**,  
THE **SONIC SUPER  
DIGEST**  
AND THE  
**GRAPHIC NOVEL  
LIBRARY.**



# Letter from **the EDITOR**

Editorial commentary made with the **REAL SUPER POWER** of **TEAM WORK!**

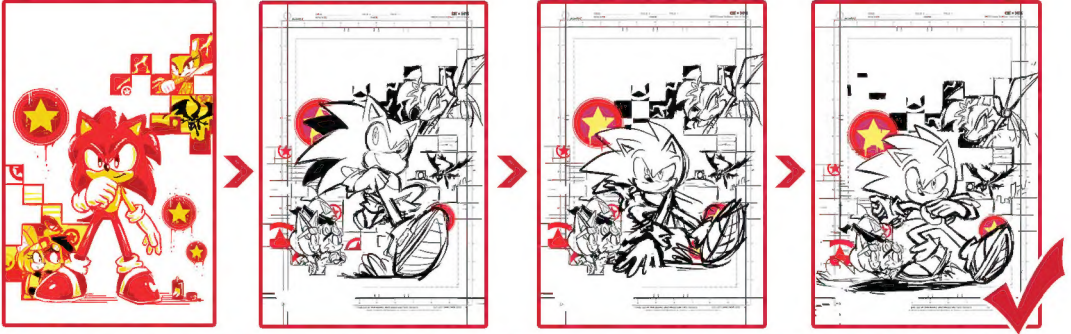
Yeah, that's right. I made a *Sonic Heroes* reference.

Well folks, this is it! The stage has been set for both hero and villain alike. Can the Freedom Fighters pull through and fix the planet, or will Dr. Eggman's newly-hatched scheme throw the Blue Blur into a spin?

Find out next issue as we enter the final arc of the SHATTERED WORLD SAGA: "Panic in the Sky"!

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo  
Editor

*Vin*  
2016



**ABOVE:** The initial cover thumbnail for this issue by yours truly is seen on the far left followed by sketch variations by artist Diana Skelly. The final approved sketch is seen on the far right.



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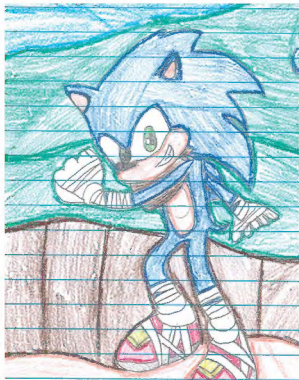
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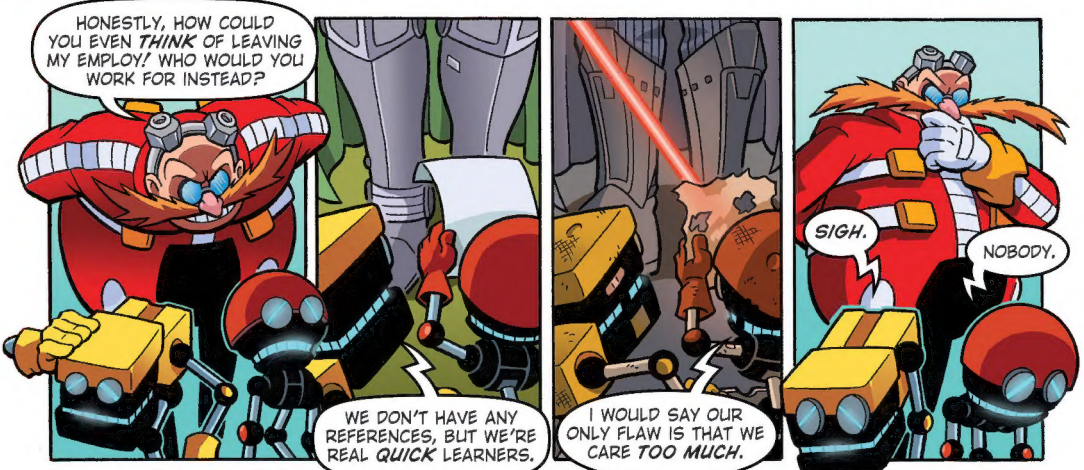
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